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Interviewer: [REDACTED]

Note Taker: [REDACTED]

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July 2017 Incident:

- Call from co-worker, [REDACTED], on the site, a couple of anchors broken, floating toward Site 1.
- Called [REDACTED] and others went out to Site 2 and saw 5 – 7 anchor points broken, surveyed the site (note, anchor point is the same thing as pad eye).
- Tried to repair anchor points when the tide changed. They failed again the next day when the tide changed.
- A tug was used to keep Site 2 away from Site 1. There were 8 people on the Site removing equipment to lighten the Site.
- [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were directing the operations.
- After day 3 Site 2 was starting to bend. When the bending would stop, net washers were put to use washing the nets. It took about a week to stabilize the site.
- A weighted frame on the bottom of the net keeps it square.
- After the site was stabilized, crew found the lost anchors, ran lines, re-set anchors, and replaced all of the pad eyes.

August 2017 Incident:

- Call from [REDACTED] that Site 2 broke free and it was serious.
- Took work boat to Site and began removing heavy equipment.
- Site was bent, nets were going underwater and fish were escaping (this was Saturday). The west side walkway had broken free and was just held by the nets and lines.
- A couple days later the crew tried harvesting fish but did not have much success.
- [REDACTED] drew a diagram of Site 2 showing where the walkway broke free, the walkway was still anchored and rolled under.
- When the buoys went under during July, it was on the down current side of the structure.
- Chain was run from each anchor point across the walkway in July, the chain held in August but “sawed” back and forth contributing to the damage.
- Diving operations were suspended for Cooke’s divers, walkways were dangerous to walk on.
- Between July and August nets were cleaned to reduce drag, feeding continued. Divers cleaned nets manually with pressure washing guns.
- Nets need more cleaning in the summer. Broken net washers affected the cleaning schedule. Fouling at Site 2 was “7 out of 10”, it is usually “4 out of 10”.